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PLEASE PASS TO OTHER WASHINGTON ADDRESSEES AS REQUIRED

1. EMBASSY IS GRATEFUL FOR THE INFORMATION THAT HAS BEEN PROVIDED TO US IN RESPONSE TO OUR OMNIBUS MESSAGE (REFTEL) ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE FORTHCOMING OAS MINISTERIALS. FOLLOWING IS A PROGRESS REPORT ON WHERE WE STAND, AND A REVIEW OF REQUESTS FOR ACTION.

2. WITH RESPECT TO COMPOSITION OF DELEGATION, WE ARE ASSUMING IT WILL BE HEADED BY ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S PRINCIPALS, AND WILL INCLUDE ASST SEC ROGERS AND AMB MAILLARD. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW WHAT CURRENT PLANS ARE FOR CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATION, AT LEAST IN TERMS OF NUMBERS AND MIX.

3. HOTELS. WE BELIEVE WE ARE IN GOOD SHAPE, BUT ASK THAT DELEGATION STAFF BE ENCOURAGED TO DEVISE
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DOUBLING UP PLANS BEFORE ARRIVAL. WE ASSUME HEAD

OF DELEGATION WILL ACCEPT AMBASSADOR'S INVITATION TO STAY AT RESIDENCE; OTHER SENIOR MEMBERS, INCLUDING CONGRESSIONAL REPRESENTATIVES (IF ANY) WILL PROBABLY STAY AT HOTEL QUITO INTERCONTINENTAL, NEXT DOOR TO RESIDENCE. REMAINDER OF PARTY, INCLUDING S/S, ARA AND OAS STAFF MEMBERS, SECURITY, AND AIRCRAFT CREW, WILL STAY AT HOTEL COLON, THREE BLOCKS FROM EMBASSY CHANCERY, FIVE MINUTES FROM RESIDENCE.

4. AIRCRAFT. HIGHLY RECOMMEND YOU BRING YOUR OWN BECAUSE OF THE DIFFICULTY IN SECURING COMMERCIAL PASSAGE. WE ARE ASSURED BY ECUADOREAN AIR FORCE (FAE) THAT PUTTING UP A VC-137 OR KC-135 AT THE FAE AREA ADJACENT TO QUITO AIRPORT PASSENGER TERMINAL WILL BE NO PROBLEM. WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR HOTEL PLANNING TO KNOW IMMEDIATELY HOW MANY CREW MEMBERS TO ANTICIPATE.

5. CARS. SHOULD BE OK. WE WILL ASSIGN A CAR AND DRIVER TO THE HEAD OF DELEGATION, ASST SEC ROGERS, AMB MAILLARD, CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION, AND BE PREPARED TO ACCOMMODATE S/S, SECURITY, AND AIRCRAFT CREW. PLEASE ADVISE IF THIS IS NOT SUFFICIENT.

6. SECURITY DETAIL. WE ASSUME A SECURITY DETAIL WILL ACCOMPANY A DEPARTMENT PRINCIPAL. WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW HOW MANY MEMBERS OF SUCH A DETAIL WE SHOULD ANTICIPATE, AND IN THE MEANTIME ARE ASSUMING A MAXIMUM OF THREE. WILL THERE BE ANY ADVANCE SECURITY PARTY? PLEASE ADVISE.

7. OFFICE SPACE. WE RECOMMEND THAT THE HEAD OF DELEGATION USE THE DCM'S OFFICE (COLOCATED WITH AND EQUAL IN SIZE TO AMBASSADOR'S OFFICE) ON FOURTH (TOP) FLOOR OF CHANCERY. WE WOULD PROVIDE OFFICE SPACE FOR ASST SEC ROGERS, AMBASSADOR MAILLARD AND S/S PLUS ARA/OAS STAFFERS AND SECRETARIES IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY, WITH 24-HOUR SECURITY GUARD. EMBASSY IS NOT LARGE, HOWEVER, AND IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT TO PROVIDE INDIVIDUAL OFFICES FOR OTHER THAN THE SENIOR DELEGATION MEMBERS MENTIONED ABOVE.

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8. SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE. WE ASSUME HEAD OF DELEGATION AND ARA/USOAS PLUS S/S WILL BRING SECRETARIES. EMBASSY CAN ASSIST, BUT WE ARE STRETCHED TOO THIN TO BE DEPENDED UPON FOR MUCH VOLUME. DITTO TYPEWRITERS; REPEAT EARLIER SUGGESTION (REFTEL) THAT YOU BRING YOUR OWN.

9. TRANSLATION SERVICES. MARGINAL HERE. RECOMMEND YOU BRING YOUR OWN. CONFERENCE HALL WILL HAVE

SIMULTANEOUS TRANSLATION, AND WE CAN PROVIDE LIMITED ASSISTANCE, BUT NEED TO KNOW REQUIREMENTS IF ANY PROFESSIONAL TRANSLATION SERVICES ARE GOING TO BE NEEDED.

10. PRESS REPORTING (MEDIA REACTION) FOR DELEGATION SHOULD BE COMPILED IN WASHINGTON AND TRANSMITTED TO QUITO WITH WHATEVER FREQUENCY DELEGATION DESIRES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT/USIA SEND MESSAGE TO ALL ARA POSTS ASKING THAT ALL PRESS REPORTING/MEDIA REACTION ON CONFERENCE BE SENT TO WASHINGTON FOR SUMMARIZING, AND NOT RPT NOT SENT TO QUITO (EVEN AS INFO ADDRESSEE) UNLESS CLEAR-CUT CASE CAN BE MADE FOR DOING SO.

11. ASSISTANCE TO MEMBERS OF THE PRESS. EMBASSY HAS BEGUN RECEIVING REQUESTS FROM THE PRESS FOR HELP IN SECURING HOTEL ROOMS, ACCESS TO FACILITIES, ETC. WE RECOMMEND THAT DEPARTMENT (S/PRS) ADVISE CORRESPONDENTS THAT SUCH APPROACHES SHOULD BE MADE DIRECTLY TO THE GOE, SR HERNAN GUARDERAS, DIRECTOR OF INFORMATION AND PRESS, MINISTRY OF EXTERIOR RELATIONS, QUITO TELEPHONE 526-791 AND 231-100. GOE IS MAKING NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PRESS, INCLUDING HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS, AND WE HAVE TOLD THEM THAT WE WILL BE REFERRING US CORRESPONDENTS TO THE ABOVE-MENTIONED OFFICE. EMBASSY IS NOT IN A POSITION TO INTERVENE IN THESE ARRANGEMENTS, NOR SHOULD WE TRY TO DO SO UNLESS THINGS START TO COME UNSTUCK.

12. COMMUNICATIONS. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FULL 24 HOUR C&R COVERAGE, WE WILL NEED ADDITIONAL HELP. ONE ROVING COMMUNICATOR HAS BEEN ASSIGNED (STATE 224042), BUT WE WILL NEED ONE MORE.

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13. MARINE SECURITY GUARD. IN ORDER TO PROVIDE FULL 24-HOUR MSG COVERAGE, INCLUDING OPEN SOTRAGE FOR S/S CONTROL ROOM, WE WILL NEED TWO ADDITIONAL MARINE GUARDS. PLEASE ADVISE.

14. SECURE PHONES. WILL EXISTING BOOTH INSTALLATION BE SUFFICIENT, OR WILL EXTENSION BE REQUIRED IN HEAD OF DELEGATION OFFICE?

15. COURIER SERVICE. WISH TO REMIND DEPARTMENT THAT WE ONLY HAVE ONE NORTHBOUND CLASSIFIED COURIER EACH WEEK. LAY ON MORE IF YOU BELIEVE IT'S GOING TO BE NECESSARY. BREWSTER

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